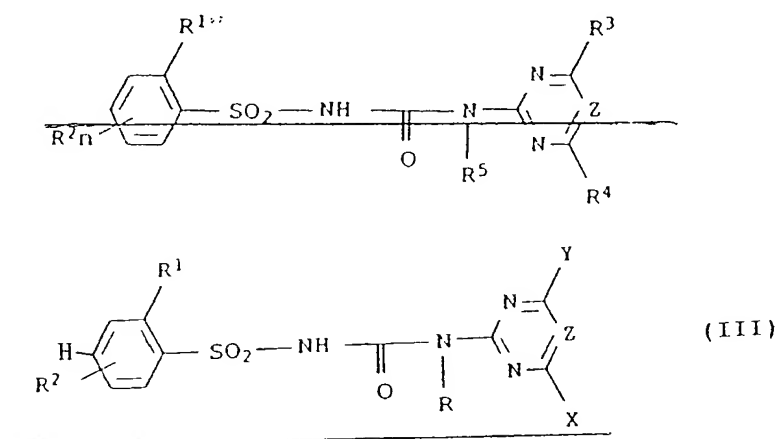


IN THE SPECIFICATION

Amend the paragraph at page 7, line 36 to page 9, line 5 as follows:

Particular preference is given to sulfonylureas of the formula III (equivalent to the formula I where $J=J_1$) as known, for example, from EP-A 388 873, EP-A 559 814, EP-A 291 851 and EP-A 446 743:



where:

R^1 is C_1 - C_4 -alkyl, which may carry from one to five of the following groups:
methoxy, ethoxy, SO_2CH_3 , cyano, chlorine, fluorine, SCH_3 , $S(O)CH_3$;

halogen;

a group ER^{19} , in which E is O, S or NR^{20} ;

$COOR^{12}$;

NO_2 ;

$S(O)_nR^{17}$, $SO_2NR^{15}R^{16}$, $CONR^{13}R^{14}$;

R^2 is hydrogen, methyl, halogen, methoxy, nitro, cyano, trifluoromethyl, trifluoromethoxy, difluoromethoxy or methylthio,

- Y is F, CF₃, CF₂Cl, CF₂H, OCF₃, OCF₂Cl, C₁-C₄-alkyl or C₁-C₄-alkoxy;
- X is C₁-C₂-alkoxy, C₁-C₂-alkyl, C₁-C₂-alkylthio, C₁-C₂-alkylamino, di-C₁-C₂-alkylamino, halogen, C₁-C₂-haloalkyl, C₁-C₂-haloalkoxy,
- R is hydrogen or methyl;
- R¹⁹ is C₁-C₄-alkyl, C₂-C₄-alkenyl, C₂-C₄-alkynyl or C₃-C₆-cycloalkyl, each of which may carry from 1 to 5 halogen ~~atoms~~. Furthermore atoms, furthermore, in the case that E is O or NR²⁰, R¹⁹ is also methylsulfonyl, ethylsulfonyl, trifluoromethylsulfonyl, allylsulfonyl, propargylsulfonyl or dimethylsulfamoyl;
- R²⁰ is hydrogen, methyl or ethyl;
- R¹² is a C₁-C₄-alkyl group which may carry up to three of the following radicals: halogen, C₁-C₄-alkoxy, allyl or propargyl;
- R¹⁷ is a C₁-C₄-alkyl group which may carry from one to three of the following radicals: halogen, C₁-C₄-alkoxy, allyl or propargyl;
- R¹⁵ is hydrogen, a C₁-C₂-alkoxy group or a C₁-C₄-alkyl group;
- R¹⁶ is hydrogen or a C₁-C₄-alkyl group,
- R¹³ is H, C₁-C₄-alkyl, or C₁-C₄-alkoxy;
- R¹⁴ is C₁-C₄-alkyl;
- n is 1 or 2,
- Z is N, CH.

Amend the paragraph at page 9, lines 25 to 26 as follows:

Very particular preference is given to those compounds of the formula
III which are listed in the table below, ~~and where n is 1.~~